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April 21, 1999

Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find letters from two of my constituents who are concerned about a proposed FDA rule that could have implications for their use of an out-of-state compounding pharmacy.

This proposal was contained in the Federal/State Memorandum of Understanding on Interstate Distribution of Compounded Drug Products, Docket Number 98N-1265. Pursuant to the January 21, 1999 notice in the Federal Register, please make my constituents' comments part of the public docket.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rosa L. DeLauro
ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress

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Docket No. 98N-1265

Rosemary Garcia
224 Ridge Rd.
Madison, Ct. 06443
March 25, 1999

Rosa C. DeLauro
59 Elm St.
New Haven, St 06510
RE: Food and Drug Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear Madam,

I am writing because it appears that the FDA is considering taking away my ability to have access to the compounded medicines that have been prescribed for me by my doctor. These medicines are not available in this state. They are compounded for me specifically, based on the results of lab tests, by Madison Pharmacy in Wisconsin, and are mailed to my home. I vigorously oppose the FDA's description of "inordinate amount" in the above memorandum of understanding. This will mean that I will be unable to get my medicines as they are mailed from out of state.

What you need to know, is that my life was Hell before I started to take these medicines. The medicines relieve my symptoms that were previously debilitating such as depression, sleeplessness, and anxiety. Initially, a traditional, "one size fits all", standardized dosage of pharmaceutical medicines were proscribed for my symptoms, with disastrous results. My symptoms got much worse. By the time information about compounding became available to me, I was in despair. You can understand that I'm not interested in having that experience again.

Ms. DeLauro, I would appreciate anything you can do to block acceptance of the above proposal. I strongly believe that in this free country, it should be up to me and my doctor, not large pharmaceutical companies, to decide which medication I should take and where I can by it! Thank you for your attention.

Very truly,

Rosemary Garcia

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Dear Representative Delauro:

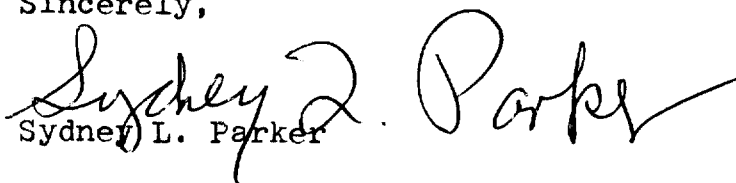
In its recently published Register, the Food and Drug Administration has proposed a regulation entitled "Memorandum of Understanding," which will place me and other citizens of the United States at risk of losing our rights to choose a compounding pharmacy anywhere in the nation.

Over the past several months, and into the present time, I have been taking, upon the prescription of my physician, who is a medical doctor, a five milligram daily dose of folic acid, a substance belonging to the Vitamin B family.

During this period, my prescription for this substance has been filled by Women's International Pharmacy, located in Madison, Wisconsin. Its service has been excellent, and the cost for the product has been well within my means to pay.

Should the FDA's "Memorandum" be allowed to stand as it is, it will restrict the rights of citizens to obtain healthcare services and products from the providers of our choice if they are located outside of the states in which we dwell. Why can't I use a compounding pharmacy to serve my medical needs even though it is situated in another state?

Sincerely,


Sydney L. Parker

The Honorable Rosa L. Delauro
436 Cannon House Office Building
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P. S. It may not be common knowledge, but one can not purchase a five milligram tablet or capsule of folic acid apart from a prescription.

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